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REPORT

TOPIC Soviet Troop Trains

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REMARKS

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CB -Converted Boxcar; B -Boxcar; F- Flatcar; SSY-Heavy-Duty Flatcar; RRYM -Heavy-Duty Flatcar

On 18 September 1954, a troop train of 5 B, 15 F with soldiers, AA guns and motor vehicles went from Kroepelin to Kietz.<sup>1</sup>

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empty troop trains on 29 and 30 September and 1 October:

| Date         | Composition of Troop Trains | From                  | To                    |
|--------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| 29 September | 54 CB                       | Magdeburg             | Kuestrin-Kietz        |
| 1 October    | 50 CB                       | Magdeburg             | Kuestrin-Kietz        |
| 29 September | 54 CB                       | Jueterbog/Altes Lager | Kuestrin-Kietz        |
| 30 September | 10 B, 15 F                  | Frankfurt/Oder        | Jueterbog             |
|              | 55 CB                       | Frankfurt/Oder        | Jueterbog/Altes Lager |
|              | 46 CB                       | Frankfurt/Oder        | Jueterbog/Altes Lager |
| 29 September | 50 F                        | Fredersdorf           | Zwickau               |
|              | 50 F                        | Wriezen               | Magdeburg-Buckau      |
| 1 October    | 30 CB                       | Berlin-East           | Fuerstenberg          |
| 2 October    | 30 SSY                      | Berlin-Lichtenberg    | Eberswalde            |

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3. On 23 September, a troop train of 6 B, 37 F came from Wustermark and went toward Loewenberg. The train carried 4 SP guns, 26 T-34 tanks

4 trucks

4. Empty troop trains from Guben to Kovel between 26 September and 1 October included a train of 54 B on 26 September, a second train of 34 B on 27 September, a third train of 54 B on 29 September, and a fourth train of 54 B on 1 October.<sup>2</sup>

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5. On 29 September, a troop train of 11 B, 27 F, went from Neubukow to Wuensdorf.<sup>4</sup>
6. Troop trains to Wiesenburg observed on 25 and 26 September included

| Date in September | Composition of Troop Trains                        | From Direction of |          |
|-------------------|--|-------------------|----------|
| 25                | 6 B, 4 F, 16 SSY with 16 JS-3 tanks and 4 trucks   | Priort            | 50X1-HUM |
|                   | 7 B, 20 F with 16 T-34 tanks and 6 trucks          | Wittenberge       | 50X1-HUM |
|                   | 14 B, 36 F with soldiers and trucks                | Wittenberge       | 50X1-HUM |
|                   | 6 B, 30 SSY with soldiers, 14 tanks, and 19 trucks | Wittenberge       |          |
| 26                | 6 B, 22 SSY with T-34 tanks and 11 trucks          | Wittenberge       | 50X1-HUM |

7. Troop trains observed early in the morning of 27 September included a train at the Neugarten railroad station which allegedly arrived from the direction of Jueterbog; and another train of 8 B with soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, and an undetermined number of F with 15 T-34 tanks and 1 SP gun which was seen between Wustermark and Bredow. The two trains proceeded toward Oranienburg. The first train was said to have been unloaded at the Oranienburg railroad station.<sup>5</sup>
8. Railroadmen stated that a total of 25 troop trains passed through the Wustermark railroad station between 1400 and 2200 on 26 September. Some of the trains proceeded toward Wiesenburg;<sup>5</sup> some of the trains came from the direction of Jueterbog and went to Oranienburg.<sup>6</sup>



1. Comment. The troop train which carried a component of the 32d AAA was previously reported.
2. Comment. The reports indicate that the personnel exchange movement was in full swing in late September 1954. In 1953, the movement totalled 19 shuttle-trains. In 1954, the observation indicates that the number of trains has probably been increased. The information on trains in paragraphs 2 and 4 was previously reported.
3. Comment. The unit has not been identified. possibly belongs in the area of the Third Gds Mecz Army.
4. Comment. The troop train which carried contingents of the 2d Gds AAA Div previously reported.


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5.  Comment. The troop trains to Wiesenburg on 25 and 26 September 1954 belonged to the movement of units of the IX Mtz Rifle Corps to the assembly area of Wiesenburg - Belzig - Brueck from which large-scale maneuvers toward northwest began on about 28 September 1954. 50X1-HUM
6.  Comment. At about 0600 on 27 September 1954, a tank unit was unloaded at the Oranienburg troop training grounds and marched to the Sachsenhausen concentration camp. It is believed that these troops belonged to KVP Mechanized Regiment Oranienburg of the KVP Mech Div Potsdam which returned from the Kietz troop training grounds. The other troop train which, according to the service color observed, carried a Soviet unit, has not been identified. There are no indications that several Soviet troop trains from the direction of Jueterbog went to Oranienburg. 50X1-HUM

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